



Press release

G20: Strong call from foundations and philanthropy for climate action Large climate network of foundations welcomes key stakeholders in Jakarta

Jakarta, September 8th: The [Foundations Platform F20](#) encompassing more than 80 foundations mainly from the G20 countries has today urged the G20 Heads of State to take action on climate and adopt concrete targets aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. “The keys for limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C and to react to the global climate crisis are with the G20 countries” the release issued today. Further, the release reads “in times of heavy climate impacts worldwide, the 20 major industrialised economies are more than ever in the lead to join forces and to work on a strong and coordinated international response to the climate and energy emergencies”.

The Foundations Platform F20 also calls upon the G20 to “foster global cooperation to the severe, interconnected and often irreversible impacts of climate change on ecosystems, biodiversity, and human systems.” Measures on the global, national and local level would have to build on the principle of building resilience, upscaling renewables and restoring nature. These measures would also have to include strengthening of adaptation to impacts that are not avoidable any longer such as heat waves and heavy flood events.

At this year’s main gathering of F20, the hybrid [Climate Solutions Forum](#), the most pressing global challenges have been discussed in a solutions-oriented cross-sectoral dialogue. A concrete list of [recommendations](#) to the G20 Heads of State was presented, advocating for joint and ambitious action to deliver on the goals of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement. This year’s F20 annual high-level event took place in Jakarta back to back with the Indonesian Good Times Summit just prior to the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting in Belitung, from 7th-9th of September.

KLAUS MILKE (F20 Chair): “The G20 summits have to be considered as crisis summits committed to find long-term sustainability solutions. The unfolding climate crisis does not allow a G20 gathering without a concrete outcome on more climate action. As agreed last year in Rome, the G20 must make the net zero trajectory a reality to keep the dangerous benchmark of 1.5°C global warming. The uptake and upscaling of renewables is key in this regard. Further, the acceleration of the Just Energy Transition must be fostered by climate and energy partnerships in the spirit of leaving no one behind. Consensus and well-coordinated climate responses are needed from the G20 summit taking place in Bali this year. Likewise, we need more Just Energy Transition Partnerships as we have seen in the case of South Africa as concluded at COP26.”

ILHAM HABIBIE (F20 Co-Chair, The Habibie Center): “In times of geopolitical tensions and rigidity, it is more important than ever that civil society builds bridges between different stakeholders and pushes cross-sectoral cooperation and trust to take bold action on



climate. The devastating impacts of the climate crisis are felt globally and also here in Indonesia. The G20 must push Just Energy Transition Partnerships and drastically ramp up renewables. I see a lot of hope and potential in Indonesia that must be fostered such as the innovative force of start-ups, the engineers implementing a green transition and the active voices of the youth fighting for a climate-safe future."

YENNY WAHID (Director, Wahid Foundation): "It is important to include all societal stakeholders in this journey. There is a strong need for joint cooperation, a common ground and a vision of a just future for all. When it comes to concrete action on climate, it is vital that we bring this to the grassroot levels, empower civil society and involve all actors to make change happen faster. Only by this, we can preserve our livelihoods in harmony with planet and the people."

A concrete list of [F20 recommendations](#) calls upon the G20 Heads of State to ramp up climate action and exhibit leadership and to set clear measurable, Paris-aligned goals and implement on what has been proclaimed at last year's G20 Summit in Rome.

The Foundations Platform F20 urges the G20 Heads of States to accelerate a Just Energy Transition by agreeing on concrete interim targets by 2030, phasing out of fossil fuel subsidies, protecting and restoring ecosystems, establishing new energy and climate partnerships in the G20 context and beyond and upscaling renewables.

Accounting for about 80% of global energy-related CO₂ emissions, the G20 countries play a key role for climate action. To give the mitigation plans of the G20 any credibility, drastic changes in existing energy policies are required. These would have to address energy efficiency and ensure the uptake of renewable energies. Existing policies are far from track with the 1.5 °C goal of the Paris Climate Agreement which all G20 countries have ratified. Based on their recently published [report](#), F20 advocates the G20 Heads of State to agree upon an evidence and science-based G20 renewable energy power generation target of 70% by 2030, 60% renewable energy on primary energy, 55% on heat and 60% on electric mobility. The renewable energy potential of the G20, which exceeds the current energy demand multiple times, proves that the implementation of these targets is technically and economically feasible.

Mr. **LUHUT BINSAR PANDJAITAN (Coordinating Minister of Maritime and Investment Affairs of Indonesia)**, underscored the importance of the Indonesian G20 Presidency to accelerate a Just Energy Transition by putting particular emphasis on a just and inclusive approach. It is within this spirit that also **JOCHEN FLASBARTH (State Secretary in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation)**, who spoke at this year's event, highlighted that Just Energy Partnerships and the readiness of Indonesia on that are crucial to make this a reality.



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The Foundations Platform F20 is a network of more than 80 foundations from over 20 countries that work with the G20 countries for the implementation of the UN Sustainability Goals and compliance with the Paris Climate Agreement. The platform was launched in Hamburg in 2017 on the occasion of the G20 summit. This year's F20 Climate Solutions Forum was hosted by the Foundations Platform F20, The Good Times Summit and The Habibie Center together with the Indonesian Partner foundations Bina Swadaya, Wahid Foundation and Yayasan Dharma Bhakti Astra (YDBA) Foundation. The event was supported by the Indonesian network of foundations Filantropi Indonesia and Impact Hub Jakarta.

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